

Appl. No. 09/215,781
Amtd. Dated June 24, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19 - 21 and 35 – 48 are pending in this application.

Claims 19, 20, 35, and 36 have been amended. New claims 37 – 48 have been added. Claim 18 and claims 22 – 34 have been cancelled. Claims 19 - 21 and 35 – 48 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 18 – 21, 35, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Also, in the Office Action, claims 20, 21, 35, and 36 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

With respect to the rejection of claims 18 – 21, 35, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicant has cancelled claim 18 and has amended claims 19, 20, 35, and 36 to delete objectionable terms and to provide antecedent basis as needed. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 19 – 21, 35, and 36 now satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

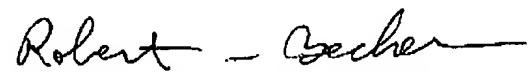
Additionally, Applicant has cancelled claims 22 – 34 and added a like number of new claims 37 – 48 all ultimately depending from claim 35. These new claims 37 – 48 present the respective subject matter of now-cancelled claims 22 – 34 as further features of the apparatus recited in claim 35.

Applicant believes that claims 19 - 21 and 35 – 48 are now in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

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However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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